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BOROUGH OF BEVERLEY

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Divisional Health Office,
Manor Road,
Beverley
July, 1968

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Beverley

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 1967.

The Registrar General's figures for the year 1967 indicate a mid-year population of 17,220, an increase of 190 compared with last year.

During the year there were 312 births and 205 deaths, compared with 360 births and 187 deaths last year. The adjusted birth rate for the Borough of 18.3 compares with the national birth rate of 17.2 per 1,000 population and an adjusted death rate of 11.9 compares with a national death rate of 11.2 per 1,000 population.

The causes of death follow the usual pattern, disease of the heart and circulatory system being the major cause and cancer the second major cause, together accounting for 68.28% of the total. It is of interest to note that of 23 deaths due to cancer, 12 were due to cancer of the lungs and bronchus.

There were three deaths of children under one year of age, compared with seven in last year.

On infectious diseases, measles remains outstanding, there being 347 cases notified during the year. With the introduction of measles vaccination it is hoped that we will see a drop in the incidence of this infectious disease in coming years.

Concerning sanitary circumstances, water continued to be supplied to the town, as in previous years from Hull Corporation and all of the fifty samples submitted for bacteriological examination proved satisfactory.

Work on the Borough sewerage and sewage disposal scheme continued during the year and it is anticipated that this will be dealing with the town's sewage by the end of 1969.

Unfit houses continued to be dealt with and during the year, four were closed on receipt of undertakings from owners, six under closing orders, and 14 unfit houses were demolished.

From the Chief Public Health Inspector's report it will be seen that there was an increase during the year in the number of inspections carried out of food premises, ice cream premises and retail premises; it is also pleasing to note that 100% meat inspection of animals killed continued through the year.

In presenting this report, may I express my thanks to the staff of the Department for their work during the year and to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MAUGHAN,

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS

General

Area in acres	2,404
Population: 1967 Registrar General	17,220
Rateable value at 31st March, 1967.....	£562,261
Sum represented by a penny rate	£2,270 (est)

Vital

Live Births:

Total live births	312
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	18.1
Comparability factor	1.01
Adjusted birth rate per 1,000 population	18.28
Illegitimate live births included in above total ...	20

Still Births:

Total still births	5
Illegitimate still births included in above total	1

Deaths:

Total deaths	205
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	11.9
Comparability factor	1.0
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population.....	11.9
Infant deaths (under 1 year of age)	3
Infant mortality rate, i.e. infant deaths per 1,000 live births	10

**Birth and Death Rates per 1,000 population
including service personnel living in the district**

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
LIVE BIRTHS		
1967	17.2 *	18.3
1966	17.7	19.3
1965	18.0	19.2
1964	18.4	18.76
1963	18.2	18.79
DEATHS		
1967	11.3 *	11.9
1966	11.7	11.4
1965	11.5	12.99
1964	11.3	11.58
1963	12.2	11.81

*Provisional rate supplied by the Registrar General.

Principal Causes of Death

CAUSES OF DEATH				Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	—	—	—
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease	—	—	—
4. Diphtheria	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	—	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
8. Measles	—	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—
10. Malignant neoplasm of stomach	3	1	4
11. Malignant neoplasm of lungs and bronchus	10	2	12
12. Malignant neoplasm of breast	—	2	2
13. Malignant neoplasm of uterus	—	5	5
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	8	13
15. Leukaemia and aleukaemia	3	1	4
16. Diabetes	1	1	2
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	16	24
18. Coronary disease and angina	35	24	59
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	—	2
20. Other heart disease	5	10	15
21. Other circulatory diseases	2	2	4
22. Influenza	—	—	—
23. Pneumonia	7	6	13
24. Bronchitis	4	—	4
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	2	—	2
26. Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum	4	—	4
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	—	—
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformation	1	1	2
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	13	10	23
33. Motor vehicle accidents	—	1	1
34. Other accidents	—	3	3
35. Suicides	3	1	4
36. Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—
Total, all causes				110	95	205

Age Distribution of Deaths

Age at Death	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Under 1 year ..	8	3	8	7	3
1—5 years ..	1	—	1	3	—
6—15 years ..	—	2	—	2	—
16—25 years ..	3	1	—	1	1
26—45 years ..	3	6	15	21	2
46—65 years ..	47	45	39	30	44
66 years and over	123	127	148	123	155
Totals ..	185	184	211	187	205

**Table showing Causes and Age Distribution of
Infant Deaths**

Causes of Death	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total under 1 year
Pneumonia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Congenital malformations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases . .	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3

Infant Mortality Rate

Deaths under One year of Age Rates per 1,000 Live Births

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
1967	18.3	10.0
1966	19.0	20.8
1965	19.0	25.16
1964	20.0	9.77
1963	20.9	26.40

Still Birth Rate Rates per 1,000 Total Births

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
1967	14.8*	16.0
1966	15.4	5.95
1965	15.7	15.48
1964	16.3	19.17
1963	17.3	16.23

*Provisional figure supplied by the Registrar General

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of Infectious Diseases by Age Groups

Disease	Under 1 year	1—2 years	3—4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25—44 years	45—64 years	65 years and over	Age unknown	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever ..	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	5
Whooping Cough	—	5	4	6	—	—	1	—	—	—	16
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paralytic..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ..	8	92	100	141	3	2	—	—	—	1	347
Acute Pneumonia..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Enteric or Typhoid Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Totals ..	8	97	105	150	3	4	1	2	—	1	371

The Incidence of Infectious Diseases during the Past Five Years

Disease	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Scarlet Fever	7	1	1	12	5
Whooping Cough	7	30	2	—	16
Poliomyelitis and Polio-Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	302	189	207	24	347
Acute Pneumonia	—	—	1	—	—
Dysentery	—	4	1	95	—
Erysipelas	—	—	1	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	1	3	—	1
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	2
Totals	316	225	216	131	371

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospitals in the Borough are under the East Riding Hospital Management Committee and are as follows:

Westwood Hospital

This hospital has 238 beds and provides facilities for general medical, surgical, orthopaedic, paediatric and maternity cases.

Beverley Cottage Hospital

This hospital has 20 beds for gynaecological cases.

Miniature Mass Radiography

The Miniature Mass Radiography Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board visited the Borough in August and held public and private sessions. A total of 1,969 persons were examined.

NURSING HOMES

There are no Nursing Homes registered under the Public Health Act 1936 within the Borough.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Part III. Accommodation

Accommodation is provided by the County Council at Minster Towers and Langholme. These homes together have beds for 66 elderly persons.

Section 47

It was not necessary to take proceedings under this section during the year.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

The following services are provided in the Borough by the East Riding County Council as the Local Health Authority:

Infant Welfare Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at the Lord Roberts Road Clinic and Coltman Avenue Clinic. At Lord Roberts Road, open sessions were held during the afternoons of Tuesdays and Thursdays, while at the new Infant Welfare Clinic, Coltman Avenue, opened in April, General Practitioners held closed sessions on Tuesday and Friday afternoons and an open session was held on Wednesday afternoons.

The number of children who attended the Clinics and the number of attendances made by them during the year were as shown below:

<i>Number of children who attended during the year and who were born in:</i>	<i>Beverley School Clinic</i>	<i>Coltman Avenue Clinic</i>
1962-65	34	5
1966	93	1
1967	100	28
Total attendances	2,150	657
Average attendances per session	33	18

Domiciliary Midwifery Service

During the year two Nurse/Midwives working in the Borough attended 32 domiciliary births.

Health Visiting

Six Health Visitors work within the Borough having offices at the Divisional Health Office, Manor Road; the Medical Room, Longcroft School; and Coltman Avenue Clinic.

Home Nursing Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Domiciliary Midwifery Service and 4 Nurses (2 of whom are also Midwives plus 1 part time Nurse/Midwife) work in the Borough.

Ambulance Service

The County Council's Ambulance Station is situated in Grovehill Road (telephone number 881198).

Domestic Help

Home Help service rendered in the Borough is administered at County Hall, Beverley, and all applications for the service are dealt with by the Home Help Organiser (telephone 881281).

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Routine medical inspections are carried out of all children attending Local Education Authorities schools in the Borough. In addition the following facilities are provided by the County Council:

Lord Roberts Road Clinic:

Minor ailment clinic	Daily 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Dental clinic	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday all day Wednesday and Friday mornings only weekly
Speech therapy	

Coltman Avenue Clinic:

Minor ailments clinic	Daily 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Speech therapy	weekly

OTHER SERVICES

Holderness Health Division Co-ordinating Committee

Once every two or three months the Co-ordinating Committee under the aegis of the County Council, meets in Beverley to co-ordinate the work of officers in the district who are concerned with the welfare of children. The primary objects of the Committee are the prevention of cruelty to children in their own homes and the prevention of break-up of families.

On the Committee are representatives of the County Children's Department, the County Health Department, the School Welfare Department, the County Welfare Department, the Housing Managers of the District Councils, the Ministry of Social Security, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, the Police Force and Probation Officers. Representatives of other organisations are co-opted from time to time as the need arises. Your Medical Officer of Health in his capacity as Divisional Medical Officer takes the Chair at this Committee.

Public Health Laboratory Service

Specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at the Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull.

Family Planning Association

The Family Planning Association held clinics on Friday mornings 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday evenings 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Cervical Cytology

East Riding County Council holds cervical cytology sessions in Beverley approximately once a fortnight according to demand.

T. B. HOOD, M.A.P.H.I.

TABLE I

Total No. of Inspections				Nature of Inspections			
Public Health Act, 1936	..	1,854		Dwelling-houses:			
				First Visits	892		
				Revisits	443		
				Disinfestation of Premises and Bedding:			
				First Visits	57		
				Revisits	39		
				Drainage Works:			
				First Visits	194		
				Revisits	139		
				Common Lodging-houses:	3		
				Offensive Trades	3		
				Smoke and Dust Nuisance	43		
				Caravans	38		
				Infectious Diseases	3		
					1,854		
Housing Act, 1957	..	382		Clearance/Closing of Houses	376		
				Overcrowding	6		
					382		
Water Supplies	..	41		Collection of samples for analysis	38		
				Installations	3		
					41		
Clean Air Act, 1956	..	2		Investigations	2		
Food & Drugs Act, 1955	..	1,525		Slaughterhouses (Meat Inspection)	918		
				Food Preparing Premises	146		
				Ice-cream Premises	150		
				Unfit 'Other Food'	20		
				Bakehouses	21		
				Food Vehicles	23		
				Retail Premises	212		
				Food Stalls	35		
					1,525		
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	..	1165		Rodent Treatment	1165		
Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928	..	24		Storage of Petroleum	24		
Slaughterhouse Act, 1958	..	66		Slaughterhouses	66		
Factory Act, 1961	..	19		Factories	19		
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	..	187		Offices and Shops	187		
Housing Act, 1961	..	244		Houses in Multiple Occupation	244		
TOTAL	..	5,509					

TABLE II

NOTICES SERVED

Under Public Health and Housing Acts

Number of Preliminary Notices served	48
Number of Preliminary Notices complied with	36
Number of Statutory Notices served	9
Number of Statutory Notices complied with:					
(a) By Owners	6
(b) By Corporation in default	1

The Notices not complied with have been carried forward to the year 1968.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936

Water Supply

50 samples of the town's water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year, all proving satisfactory.

Of the 5,914 inhabited houses in the town, an estimated number of 120 still had no internal water supply.

Common Lodging Houses

The registered common lodging-house in the Borough was visited 3 times during the year and was found to be satisfactorily conducted.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Meat and other Foods

TABLE III

Summary of all Meat Inspected and Condemned 1967

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1,148	1	2,943	1099
Number Inspected	1,148	1	2,943	1099
All Diseases Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci				
Whole carcasses condemned ..	1	1	1	—
Carcasses of which some part was condemned	—	—	1	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercus ..	0.087%	100.0%	0.068%	0.45%
Tuberculosis only				
Whole carcasses condemned ..				
Number of animals affected with localised tuberculosis ..			NIL	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis				
Cysticercus				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..				
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..			NIL	
Generalised and total condemned				
Offal Condemned				
Heads and tongues	3	—	—	4
Livers	123	—	7	37
Lungs	7	—	—	26
Hearts	2	—	—	27
Spleens	—	—	—	—
Intestines	—	—	—	—
Kidneys	—	—	—	—

Charges for Meat Inspection

The Council continued to charge for the inspection of meat intended for food where inspection had to be carried out outside normal working hours. The maximum charges allowed by the Regulations were imposed and receipts over the year amounted to £14 16s. 0d.

TABLE IV
Other Food Inspected and Condemned

					<i>lbs.</i>
Meat and Meat Products	301
Milk and Milk Products	5
Fruit and Vegetables	133
Fish	20
Other Items	297
					<hr/> 756 <hr/>

Ice-Cream

88 samples of ice-cream were submitted for bacteriological examination. During one period of the year samples showed one source of supply to be unsatisfactory and a considerable amount of time was devoted to determining and eliminating the sources of contamination but this was eventually achieved.

6 samples of water lollies were submitted for bacteriological examination, all of which were satisfactory.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Routine work under this Act was carried out systematically during the year by the Rodent Operator. Treatments were given to 42 Business premises, 6 Local Authority premises and 141 Dwelling-houses in the town, and at all these premises an estimated number of 905 rats were killed.

The number of visits made to the various premises for carrying out these treatments was 1165, but in addition to this, further time was spent in survey work in the town generally.

Petroleum Acts and Orders

At the end of the year, 37 premises were licensed to store petroleum spirit and 1 to store carbide of calcium.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

All outstanding problems associated with this Act were cleared up in 1967 and routine work settled down to the maintenance of proper standards in offices and shops together with investigating the considerable number of shops which came into new ownership and, in many instances, into a new type of trade during the year.

A steady flow of accident reports came to us during the year, details of which are as follows:

Sprains and Fractures	5	accidents
Falls	3	„
Lacerations	2	„
Scalding	1	„
	—	
Total	11	
	—	

All accidents are reported to the Ministry of Labour who, by careful investigation and research, have built up over the years a very useful code of safety regulations and advice designed to minimise those accidents which reports prove to occur most frequently.

HOUSING ACT 1961

Houses in Multiple Occupation

The difficulties referred to last year in connection with the working of these provisions have in no way diminished during the year and progress still continues to be slow. Valuable work, however, has been done and houses which might otherwise have deteriorated into slum property have been kept up to a reasonable standard of amenity and structural condition. A further 5 houses were brought up to standard during the year and 18 were under investigation and improvement.

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